MAYUMI-SAN, WELCOME HOME.
I WAS JUST RELEASED.
THE GUY WHO STARTED THIS SPRING IS REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS WORK!
SHIRT: GOLDEN VOICE
RIT-CHAN'S HERE, TOO.
YOU MEAN...
...
WE RAN CROSSED PATHS THE OTHER DAY AS WELL.
WHEN WE SUSPECTED USA WAS MADE OF PROTEINS?
I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S MADE OF PROTEINS.
YOU KNOW, HIS PHYSICAL COMPOSITION.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO RESPOND TO THIS. DON'T DO THAT.
RATTLE
THIS LOVE TRIANGLE IS SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS...

LOVE
WEL-COME HOME.
YOU'VE GOT A NEW FRIEND.
YOU DON'T USUALLY READ LIGHT NOVELS, RIT-CHAN.
I REMEMBER...
思い出して…
TH-THAT'S RIGHT.
THEY'RE NOT RIGHT FOR SEN-PAI.
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D READ.
YOU'VE NEVER READ THEM BEFORE, SO I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU STARTING NOW.
読んだことないからイメージがだけど
!
THAT BOOK...
WHAT'S WRONG, USA-KUN?
HAS CHARMIE-SAN ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SAY "WELCOME HOME"?
GASP
はっ
I'M SO SHOCKED, I CAN'T RE-MEMBER...
?!
DON'T LET CHARMIE-SAN SUCK THE LIFE OUT OF YOU.

ACTU-
ALLY...
THIS ONE'S
REALLY IN-
TERESTING.
THAT'S
GREAT...
STAGGER
アラ!
I'M THE
ONLY...
...MALE
CHARACTER
THIS LOVE
STORY
NEEDS.
SHE
DOESN'T
FALL OFF?
WOW.
STAGGER
アラ!
STAGGER
アラ!
...
MALE?
MALE?
...
QUIT TAKING
THE STORY IN
DIRECTIONS
I CAN'T
RESPOND TO.
WE'LL BE HOLDING
STUDY SESSIONS
FOR A WHILE TO
PREPARE FOR MID-
TERM EXAMS.
AW...

WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DE-PRESSED?
あ OH.
HIS HEART IS BROKEN.
USA-SENPAI!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. ドンマイ
SHE REJECTED YOU AGAIN.
と田おやっぴ AND TAGAMI-SENPAI
見ないや DON'T LOOK.

YOU NEED TO GO GET IN THEIR WAY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE DEPRESSED!
WHAT?

THERE'S NO POINT IF YOU DON'T KEEP THE OTHER GUY IN CHECK!
I CAN E-MAIL HER AND WAIT...
I DON'T WANT TO RUIN THEIR FUN.
BUT THEY FINALLY BECAME FRIENDS.
WHY ARE YOU SO PAS-SIONATE ABOUT THIS? そんなに熱心なの
WHAT?
THEN YOU SHOULD WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE FINISHED AND INVITE HER TO WALK HOME WITH YOU.
I CAN'T INTERFERE WITH A GROUP STUDY SESSION.

I'VE BEEN WONDERING FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT...
SEN-PAI...
I DON'T WANT TO INCON-VENIENCE SENPAI...
...DO YOU ACTUALLY LIKE HER?
WHAT?!
YOU SEEM PRETTY SAT-ISFIED WITH JUST BEING FRIENDS.
前は断ったくせに
YOU WERE STILL HAPPY WHEN SHE TURNED YOU DOWN.
IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE IF YOU WERE ANGRIER OR MORE FORCE-FUL NOW.
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU ADMIRED HER, BUT DON'T ACTUALLY WANT TO DATE HER.

OF COURSE I WANT TO DATE HER AND DO STUFF WITH HER!
MY HEAD'S ALWAYS FULL OF NAUGHTY THOUGHTS! DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE FETISHES THAT HAVE GOTTEN MIXED INTO MY FANTASIES?!
NO, THANK YOU!
I KIND OF UNDERSTAND WHAT SAKUMA'S SAYING.
YOU'RE TOO PASSIVE WHEN IT COMES TO HER.
YOU'RE TOO CONSIDERATE.
YOU'RE LIKE A FOLLOWER OR SOMETHING.
YOU HOLD BACK TOO MUCH.
YEAH.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE STUCK ON KISSING IN YOUR FANTASIES.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT THAT MUCH OF A PRUDE, BUT EITHER WAY, I'M STILL REPULSED.
BUT...
I HAVE TO DO THOSE THINGS TO GET CLOSER TO SENPAI...
YOU'RE LETTING ANOTHER GUY GET CLOSE TO HER.
URGH
YOU LOSER.
IT'S WEIRD.
WHIMPER

I CAME BECAUSE HE TOLD ME TO, BUT...
YOU SHOULD GIVE THEM A PIECE OF YOUR MIND SOMETIME!
YEAH!
BOTH OF THEM.
...THEY'RE REALLY INVOLVED IN THEIR CONVERSATION.
IT'S HARD TO BUTT IN.
IT'S PRETTY MAINSTREAM, BUT IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT SOMETIMES.
I WASN'T EXPECTING THE COMPANY TO BETRAY THEM THEN.
WE WERE SO CLOSE...
BUT I NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THAT STEP.
OH.
IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR CRAM SCHOOL.
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
UNIVERSITY A.
MY CRAM SCHOOL HAS A PRETTY GOOD CURRICULUM.
I'M THINKING OF ATTENDING SUMMER SCHOOL.
ナルホド...
I'LL AT LEAST DO THAT.
I'M AMAZED YOU'RE NOT ATTENDING CRAM SCHOOL, KAWAI.

WHAT?
ME TOO!
BUT WHY UNIVERSITY A?
...AND SHE CAN EASILY GET IN WITH HER GRADES.
SHE CAN ATTEND WHILE STAYING AT THE KAWAI COMPLEX...
THE APPROACH OF THEIR LITERARY HISTORY BOOKS IS INTERESTING.
THERE'S A PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY A WHOSE COURSES I WANT TO TAKE.
COULDN'T YOU AIM HIGHER?
SHIT.
ALSO, THEIR LIBRARY IS AMAZING.
JUST THE SIZE OF THEIR COLLECTION...
I READ THEM, TOO! THEY'RE A UNIQUE PERSON, AREN'T THEY?
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT PROFESSOR MORISHITA?

I SHOULD'VE MADE A MOVE FIRST.
I SHOULD... ...GO HOME.
USA-KUN!
CLATTER
I'M FINISHED, TOO.
LET ME CLEAN UP FIRST.
I HAD TO DO SOMETHING AT SCHOOL.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT STILL BE HERE.
たっ STEP
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
IT'S FINE. I'LL PUT THESE BOOKS AWAY.
THANKS.

GLANCE
チラ
FLIME
NO, NO! GETTING DEPRESSED IS FINE, BUT I HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE ANGRY.
SLAP SLAP
ばし ばし
SMILE
にこ
HE MAY BE A GUY, BUT SENPAI FINALLY MADE A FRIEND.
I SHOULD KEEP COOL AND NOT MAKE THINGS AWKWARD.
GLANCE
チラ!
SEE YOU LATER.

I'M SO PATHETIC.
IS SOME-THING WRONG ?
NO...
IT'S NOT RIGHT FOR ME TO BE SO IRRITATED
WAIT, IS IT WRONG FOR ME TO THINK THIS WAY?
EVEN THOUGH HE'S A GUY
YOU SEEMED TO BE ENJOYING YOUR CON-VERSATION .
OH, NO.
TURN
THE BOOK I'M READING NOW IS ONE I BORROWED FROM TAKA-HASHI-KUN.
IT'S EASY TO READ, AND THE PLOT IS EXCITING AND INTERESTING.
AFTER ALL, THE TARGET AUDIENCE IS YOUNG MEN.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON ANYMORE.
MY FAVORITE AUTHOR IS A LITTLE FRINGE AND QUIRKY,
TAKA-HASHI-KUN AND I LIKE THE SAME BOOKS
BUT HE'S INTO THAT, TOO
REALLY?
IT'S NO USE.

ONCE I'M DONE READING IT, I'LL LEND IT TO YOU—
I DON'T NEED IT.
GASP!
OH.
WAIT, NO. IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO READ IT.
I'M JUST ON A BIG QUEST IN DEMON HUNTER RIGHT NOW.
I HAVE TO WORK WITH SAKUMA AND SHIINA TO COMPLETE IT.
OH, SHIT.
NOW I'VE DONE IT.
オンライン
BY PLAYING ONLINE
SINCE YOU HAVE EXAMS COMING UP, I ASSUMED YOU DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO READ.
SORRY.
...
I SEE...

LET ME KNOW ONCE I CAN READ IT.
OKAY...
SHIT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING TODAY.
IT'S REALLY INTERESTING, RIGHT? GO AHEAD AND READ!
...
I WON'T READ IT.
!?
WHAT?
WHY NOT?
WE'RE WALKING HOME TOGETHER...
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW.
I KNOW I'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR A WHILE...
BUT I WAS THINKING OF STOPPING.
IT'S LIKE WE'RE BACK...
TELL ME ABOUT THE BOOK, THEN!
ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR...
IS SHE TRYING TO BE CONSIDERATE?
...
I DON'T LIKE THIS...
...TO HOW WE STARTED.
WE DON'T HAVE...
TO TALK ABOUT BOOKS.

...
YOU SEEM TO ENJOY...
...DISCUSSING BOOKS WITH TAKAHASHI-SENPAI MORE THAN YOU DO WITH ME.
IT'S...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
いやーオレ全然読んでないし
I HAVEN'T READ ENOUGH.
WHAT SHOULD WE TALK ABOUT, THEN?
DO YOU MIND IF I TALK ABOUT DEMON HUNTER?
N-NO.
THE OTHER DAY, ON THE NEW MAP...
...
WHEW.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, HAYASHI-CHAN.
IT'S FINE...
THANKS, SHIRO-KUN.
FOR PULLING THE CART
NO, THANK YOU.
PANT PANT
!?!?
SORRY FOR KEEPING RIT-CHAN'S BOOKS FOR SO LONG.
I FINALLY ACQUIRED SOME NICE OLD BOOKS.
HEY, THEY FELL OVER!
MY, PRECIOUS BOOKS!
KAWAI-SENPAI'S NOT HERE?!
WHAT?
RIT-CHAN'S NOT HOME YET.
I THINK I MAY HAVE CONFUSED HER...
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO FORCE HIMSELF TO MATCH THEIR PACE.
DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH RIT-CHAN?
CONFUSED HER?
嫌な予感
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
HEY!
NOT REALLY...
IT SEEMED MORE NATURAL THAN WHEN HE SPENDS TIME WITH SOMEONE ELSE I KNOW.

CHAPTER 55 /END